Recruitment of workers in Tea Gardens in West Bengal

4328. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether fresh recruitment of work ers in the tea gardens of North-Bengal has been stopped since 1983 despite in crease in the production as well as in the plantation area of the each crop in the region;

(b) if so, reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Labour Commissioner of the area is aware of the whole situa tion;

(d) whether Government propose to take some measures to ensure employ ment of unemployed workers in tea gar dens to avoid their search for employ ment in other States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Unemployed persons registered in Employment Exchanges in Punjab

4329. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed persons registered in different employment exchanges in the districts of Punjab during the last three years;

(b) the category-wise details of hand-icapped persons, terrorist affected women etc. registered in these exchanges in the State during this period, district-wise;

(c) the number, out of them, of persons who have been provided jobs in various Government establishments, district-wise; and

(c) the number of persons to be provided jobs through these employment exchanges during 1997-98 alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The number of registrations made in respect of job-seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, by the employment exchanges in Punjab during the year 1994, 1995 and 1996 is furnished, district-wise, in the StatementI enclosed. *(See below)*

(b) No separate figures of terrorist affected women are maintained by the employment exchanges. Information in regard to handicapped persons is fur nished in the Statement-II enclosed. *(See below)*

(c) Information in regard to handicap ped persons is furnished in Statement-Ill enclosed. *(See below)*

(d) Employment Exchanges do not provide the jobs. They only sponsor can didates as per the demand of the em ployers.

Statement-I

Number of registrations made during the year

S.	*Name of District No.*	*No. of registrations made during the year*		
		1994	*1995*	*1996*
1.	Amritsar	14998	20830	26332
2.	Gurdaspur	14248	20761	26547
3.	Jalandhar	11233	10833	14271
4.	Nawanshehar	—	2042	4971